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SUBJECT : SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES BREAK IN RELATIONS
WITH GUINEA

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1. SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR DIALLO TOLD CHARGE ON SEPTEMBER 19 THAT MAIN REASON FOR TOURE'S ATTACK ON SENGHOR WHICH LED TO BREAK IN RELATIONS BETWEEN SENEGAL AND GUINEA WAS PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S REFUSAL EVEN TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS CONCERNING ANTI-GUINEAN ELEMENTS IN SENEGAL SENT TO SENGHOR BY TOURE. DIALLO, WHO HAS NEVER APPEARED TO BE EVEN A TEPID SUPPORTER OF SENGHOR, SAID THAT MAGOTTE LO HAD BEEN GIVEN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND HAD TAKEN THEM TO DAKAR. WHEN THERE WAS NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR COMMENT FROM SENGHOR, TOURE FELT HE HAD TO ALERT HIS PEOPLE TO "THE DANGER".

2. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION DIALLO SAID HE HIMSELF HAD READ THE DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE TAKEN FROM PRISONERS CAPTURED IN GUINEA AND THAT THEY WERE NOT THE WORK OF GUINEANS. BEYOND THAT DIALLO SAID HE COULD NOT ASSUME THAT THE DOCUMENTS WERE AUTHENTIC AND SPECULATED THAT THEY COULD WELL HAVE BEEN THE WORK OF SOMEONE TRYING TO STIR UP TROUBLE IN GUINEA.

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3. GIVEN THE DIFFERENCES IN TEMPERAMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS, SEKOU TOURE BEING HIGHLY EMOTIONAL AND SENGHOR CALM AND RATIONAL, DIALLO FELT THAT IT WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME BEFORE RELATIONS CAN BE RESTORED. THERE IS, HE SAID, ONE POWER THAT COULD BRING ABOUT A RESTORATION AND THAT IS FRANCE. TO DO SO THE FRENCH WOULD HAVE TO SETTLE THEIR PROBLEMS WITH GUINEA, AFTER WHICH IT WOULD BE EASY TO RESTORE HARMONY BETWEEN GUINEA AND SENEGAL.
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